

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A fire-resisting composite yarn comprising:

a core yarn formed from high-tenacity thermostable fibers;

a coating, associated around the core yarn, formed from other fibers;

[[ - ]]] between 70% and 90% by weight of flame-retardant fibers, the said fibers comprising a polymeric material based on polyvinyl alcohol; and

[[ - ]]] between 10% and 30% by weight of at least one type of thermostable fibers which are formed from a non-flammable material, wherein the at least one type of thermostable fibers is a type of high-tenacity thermostable fiber.

2. (currently amended) [[A]] The yarn according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the flame-retarded fibers also comprise a flame-retarding polymeric material.

3. (currently amended) [[A]] The yarn according to claim 2, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the flame-retarding

polymeric material is formed from polyvinyl halide, ~~in particular~~  
~~polyvinyl chloride~~.

4. (currently amended) [[A]] The yarn according to  
claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the thermostable fibers  
are produced from a polymeric material chosen from the group  
comprising para-aramids, meta-aramids, polybenzimidazole-imides,  
polybenzoxazoles, polyacrylates, polyphenols, polyamide-imides,  
and poly-p-phenylenediamine terephthalamides.

5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) [[A]] The yarn according to  
claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the fibers forming the  
yarn are mixed intimately.

7. (currently amended) [[A]] The yarn according to  
claim 6, ~~characterised in that~~ it comprises wherein the at least  
one type of thermostable fibers is between 10% and 20% by weight  
thermostable fibers of the yarn.

8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) [[A]] The yarn according to  
claim [[8]] 1, ~~characterised in that~~ it comprises wherein the at

least one type of thermostable fibres is between 20% and 30% by weight ~~thermostable fibers of the yarn.~~

10. (currently amended) A textile intended for producing protective clothing, ~~characterised in that it comprises~~ comprising at least one woven or knitted textile layer formed with yarns according to claim 1.

11. (currently amended) [[A]] The textile according to claim 10, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the textile layer is dyed or printed.

12. (currently amended) [[A]] The textile according to claim 10, ~~characterised in that it comprises, associated with the textile layer,~~ further comprising:

a non-flammable impermeable/breathable layer associated with the textile layer.

13. (currently amended) [[A]] The textile according to claim 11, ~~characterised in that it comprises, associated with the textile layer,~~ further comprising:

a non-flammable impermeable/breathable layer associated with the textile layer.

14. (new) The yarn according to claim 3, wherein said polyvinyl halide is polyvinyl chloride.